

## Message Text

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ACTION EA-12

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETRD US JA  
SUBJECT: MORE REPORTS ON AIRBUS PURCHASE DECISION

1. FOLLOWING REPORT IN OUR EARLIER CABLE THAT NO  
GOJ DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON PURCHASE OF AIRBUSES,  
KYODO NEWS TICKER LATE MARCH 10 REPORTS THAT  
TRANSPORT MINISTER SAID GOVT WILL PROBABLY  
DECIDE SATURDAY TO BUY AIRBUSES FROM WESTERN  
EUROPE. PRESS REPORT STATES THAT IF GOVT.  
SO DECIDES, IT WILL THEN ASK DOMESTIC AIRLINE,  
TOA, TO BUY PLANES IN EXCHANGE FOR PERMISSION TO  
OPERATE NEW DOMESTIC ROUTES.

2. USHIBA IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT NEW EMERGENCY  
PURCHASING DECISIONS MAY INVOLVE PURCHASE OF PLANES  
FOR LEASING TO LDCS AND THAT THERE WOULD BE  
ROOM FOR AMERICAN PLANES IN ADDITION TO AIRBUSES.

3. WE ARE TRYING TO CHECK CURRENT STATE OF PLAY.  
US VIEWS WERE RETIATED TO BOTH USHIBA'S  
OFFICE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY.  
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